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LARGE FLAG IS RAISED BY FAIRBANKS EMPLOYEES WITH FITTING SERVICES

As a fitting observance of Flag Day, an immense 16-27 foot flag, the largest flown from any pole in St. Johnsbury, was unfurled to the breeze with appropriate exercises Thursday afternoon, from a 65 foot flag pole at the Fairbanks company grounds.

The flag was bought as a result of voluntary subscription on the part of the employees of the scale works. The sum of \$103.00 was raised for the purpose, of which an excess of \$17.95 was turned over to the Red Cross.

As the band, composed of employees of the company, played "The Star Spangled Banner," the beautiful emblem was raised to the top of the pole. Remarks were made by Frank H. Brooks. Chaplain Moody of the First Vermont Regiment made a plea for the men to join Company D. He explained to them that the First Vermont Regiment will be the only distinctive Vermont military body which will serve during the war, and if any of the men intended to join, or were eligible to draft, they should join the company while they had the opportunity to select their regiment. Chaplain Moody paid a tribute to Captain Wilcox for the treatment he has given the men under his charge.

Captain Wilcox took the platform and spoke briefly regarding his desire for more men in Company D ranks. In closing Mr. Brooks took the floor and gave his appreciation of the manner in which the men of the factory have subscribed for the Liberty Loan war bonds. He pointed out that over half of the employees, 603, had purchased the bonds, and had subscribed a total of \$28,550, which is part of St. Johnsbury's large total.

The services closed with the singing of "America" by all.

TWENTY-FOUR YOUNG MEN RECEIVE ROYAL SENDOFF AT STATION

Hundreds of relatives, friends, and spectators gathered at the railroad station Friday to bid farewell to the twenty-four St. Johnsbury men who left for Fort Ethan Allen to enlist in Company D. They left in charge of Sergeant Alcide Morency, Sergeant Merton Ashton, who was in town on a furlough, also went to the fort with the party. Speeches were made by Rev. E. C. Drouhin and Rev. A. P. Grant, and music was furnished by the St. Gabriel's School band.

Judge Harland B. Howe presided and introduced Father Drouhin, from whose parish many of the boys come, and Dr. Grant, both of whom spoke with feeling and eloquence. The boys' band rendered the "Marching Song" and "America." Flowers, furnished by the D. A. R., were pinned on the coats of the enlisting men by young women.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

According to Chaplain Paul D. Moody, the enlistment of the young men was a splendid added evidence of the loyalty of St. Johnsbury and Caledonia County in this great crisis, and of the confidence the community has in Captain Wilcox.

Among those who left was Ernest Wiggins, who traveled here from St. Louis, Mo., to enlist in Company D. Such is the opinion of some of the value of being in the right company. "It is the spirit of the commander of the regiment," said Chaplain Moody, "who in 1898 after being rejected twice, underwent an operation at his own expense, and then still at his own expense journeyed down to Chickamauga there to enlist in the regiment which he now commands."

Following is the list of the men who left for the Fort: Roy P. Metcalf, Alex Welch; James B. Wood; William L. Wood; Alphonse Asselin, Albert Auyette, Jos. A. Boucher, Jas. E. Boyle, Arthur J. Carrier, Raymond G. Cassidy, Benjamin L. Clifford, Warren H. Clifford, Henry L. Danforth, Birney W. Jerome, Allen Knight, Ladislav Lacroix, Clarence R. Lemere, Felix McQueen, Charles R. Patneade, Orville L. Platt, Ernest E. Wiggins, and Gordon Wright.

CHILDREN'S DAY IS OBSERVED IN ALL CHURCHES OF TOWN

Children's Day was observed in all the churches of St. Johnsbury Sunday with appropriate sermons, exercises and concerts. In the Church of the Messiah, Universalist, the day was observed with an all day program. The morning service was adapted to the comprehension of children, the pastor's sermon being on the subject "Seeing Jesus," which was illustrated with a story from the Russian.

In the evening a fine concert was given. The small children sang very prettily a number of pieces, interspersed with recitations; and a selection by the chorus choir. The recitations were given by Marjorie Quimby, Richard Eaton, Margaret Lowell, Lois Spaulding, Madeline Rodgers, Vera Rodgers, Helen Page, Sylvia Philburt and Lucille Philburt. The program also included a reading of the poem of Judge Wendell P. Stafford "The Boyhood of Jesus" and a solo by Lois Spaulding. Mrs. Ellen N. Philburt and Miss Martha N. Jenness were in charge. The blending of the piano and organ with the soft voices of the children and the stronger voices of the chorus choir produced a delightful effect.

The program at the First Baptist church was made up with readings, recitations, and musical selections by the children, and was one of the best heard at the church. The program was in charge of Miss Eula Sheldon and Mrs. Cora Valentine.

At the South church a most elaborate program was offered. The oath of allegiance to the flag, and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," lent a patriotic touch to the program. Practically all the program was delivered by children of the church, and it was one of the finest ever enjoyed. The Grace Methodist, North church and Union Baptist churches, were of the same vein. Mr. Martin's sermon to the children, "Wild Animals I Have

Seen Tamed," carried a deep lesson with it and was fully within the comprehension of the junior members of the church. The Rev. F. S. Tolman spoke on "Children's Day the Child's Day," while the Rev. Richards lent his words to "America's Opportunity," with excellent effect. In all the day was "of the children, by the children and for the children."

JUNE MEETING OF THE COLLEGE CLUB

The June meeting of the College Club was held on Saturday afternoon at the Summer Street school house. A brief business meeting was conducted by the president, Miss Florence J. May. It was voted to hold no meetings until September. The following committees were appointed to serve during the year: membership committee, Mrs. Ralph E. Howes, Mrs. Lydia Beck, Miss Martha J. Hall; entertainment committee, Miss Flora E. Morse, Miss Ruby Clark, Miss Mabel E. Silby; program committee, Mrs. Walter H. Young, Miss Elmer Waring, Miss Violet Franz.

The meeting was then given over to Miss Waring who conducted a very interesting demonstration of canning methods. A delicious "canned" salad and cheese straws were served by the girls who helped Miss Waring. A vote of thanks was extended by the club to Miss Waring for giving such a delightful and worth while afternoon.

Farmer Exchange Meets
The annual meeting of the Orleans County Farmers' Cooperative Exchange will be held in the town hall in Irasburg, June 20, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. A good program has been arranged with the following speakers: C. E. Embree, organizer of the Maine Farmers' Association of Waterville, Me.; K. E. Deuel, county agricultural agent of Exeter, N. H.; H. F. Johnson, agricultural agent of the Orleans County Society, Newport; and L. A. Hazen, manager of the Orleans County Farmers' Exchange at Newport. It is expected that this will be a very interesting meeting, and all farmers and those interested in agriculture are cordially invited to be present.

Death of Nathaniel Russell
News was received here Sunday of the death of Nathaniel J. Russell, formerly of St. Johnsbury, at his home in Beaver Falls, Penn. Mr. Russell was a resident of St. Johnsbury for about 18 years before moving to Beaver Falls. Mrs. Russell, who survives him, was formerly Miss Lettie Beck of this town.

Schultz to Manage Theater
L. W. Schultz, of Montpelier, has been engaged as manager of the Colonial theater here. He will continue his engagement as manager of the Comique theater in Montpelier.

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ELKS HOLD FLAG DAY SERVICES

F. H. Brooks, Rev. Martin
And Others Address
Huge Gathering

The Globe theater auditorium was filled Thursday evening with persons attending the Flag Day services of the local lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Frank H. Brooks and the Rev. George A. Martin delivered stirring addresses while the vocal selections of Mrs. E. E. Doyle were received with hearty applause by the audience.

The ceremony preceding the addresses began with a blessing by the chaplain, J. Rolf Searies, at the command of the Exalted Ruler, read the history of the American flag, taking in every detail of its development from the time of its origin until the present day. Mr. Searies read well and received much applause from the audience. One of the prettiest and most impressive parts of the ceremony was the placing of the floral bell of Liberty upon the altar. The bell was made up of violets, lilacs, and roses. The meaning of the national colors were explained as each bouquet was placed upon the altar. The service was closed with the ringing of a bell, 11 times, in recognition of the absent members.

Aud Lang Syne was sung by all. Frank H. Brooks was introduced as the first speaker of the night.
Frank H. Brooks Speaks.
Mr. Brooks began by claiming that it is the obligation of all to recognize what the flag stands for, as we enter into a war which we hope will bring liberty to the world. The speaker referred to his recent address before the men of Lyndonville who had registered for service with the forces of the United States. He said that as the young men stood before him he could see, in a vision, the men of 1776, 1812, and 1861. The men of 1817 were the same as the others, he said, offering themselves as a sacrifice for their country. Mr. Brooks criticized the "patriots" who decorate their automobiles with flags, and think that they have done their bit. He quoted a Boston speaker, who, in reference to the same thing, had said: "There's a devil of a way between that and fighting in the trenches."

Mr. Brooks called on the people to realize that we are at war, and that real sacrifices are necessary if we would bring the war to a successful conclusion. He pointed out that we in America are doing little in comparison with the people of the European countries, who have been sacrificing their all during the past two and a half years. He referred to the awful sacrifices of Belgium, France and other countries. Mr. Brooks said

that if we do not sacrifice to the limit, we will see things reach their limit soon. He referred to the flag, the blood that has been shed for it and what a glorious thing it is to have it waving over our heads today. It is a flag worth sacrificing all for, said Mr. Brooks.

The speaker took up the subject of the Liberty Loan campaign, and spoke of the success it had attained in this section of the country. Mr. Brooks said that the loan in the United States should have been much over-subscribed, and added that the people must learn to sacrifice, as they will do it now or later.

Sacrifice is a beautiful word, said Mr. Brooks. May it come to make us all faithful to the flag that is our protection. He stated further that the oath of allegiance to the flag should not be taken thoughtlessly, as is sometimes the case, but should be performed carefully and prayerfully.

In closing Mr. Brooks read a poem, "The Oath," by Judge Wendell P. Stafford. He was given loud applause by the audience.

Mrs. B. E. Doyle gave a recitation, "The American Flag," with piano accompaniment. Mrs. Doyle was at her best and the applause as she finished was deafening. She was forced to accommodate the audience with an encore, "The Sharpshooter's Miss."

Mrs. James Shogrove in delightful manner sang "America, Thou Cherished Land." She, too, was called again to the stage for an encore.

The Rev. George A. Martin was introduced as the next speaker of the evening. Mr. Martin's address had to do mostly with the war, why we are fighting, and what our hopes are.

Rev. G. A. Martin Speaks.
He began by explaining that it was not strange we had waited two and a half years before entering the war. The reason was that we were, through the early part of the war, dealing with what we thought an honest government in Germany. It took us that length of time to remove the mask of deceit. "But we should rejoice that America has found her soul," cried Mr. Martin. She has found it, and an enormous task, one so great that in the years to come we will look back at the present days agnost that it was ever attempted. The speaker said that it was for America to cut a furrow deep enough and long enough to keep the Teuton powers from eating up the Republican principles of the world.

Mr. Martin explained the conditions in the countries of our allies at the present time: England has stated that she will reach her limit in man power next August, while Russia is wavering in the throes of anarchy. The speaker tried to make the people see the magnitude of the task before them.

He said that the ordinary man does not realize apparently that the country is at war. Mr. Martin said that they would wake up to a realization of it when the lists of "dead and wounded, perhaps from our own town, began to appear in the reports from Europe. He deplored that such a condition was necessary, and urged that we at once begin and make the sacrifices necessary for the successful

carrying out of war plans. He referred to the Liberty Loan war bond issue which has not been subscribed to by the people as a whole in the United States.

We must have a program big enough, adequate enough and comprehensive enough to hurry success, he exclaimed, and every man should call his wits and resources to that end. Every person is necessary in this struggle, according to Mr. Martin. The speaker, referring to the Liberty Loan war bond issue, told a story of a man who would not subscribe his money for the bonds because it was possible to get four per cent on his money elsewhere. This same man admitted in the next breath that the government had taken such excellent care of his interests in times of trouble that he had not suffered a cent of loss. Mr. Martin said that we have our homes, our industries, our institutions, everything, because the government is our protection. He called upon the people to make the sacrifice, and subscribe to the bonds before it is too late. "It's up to New England to make good as she always has done," he said. The speaker urged that each do his "bit" wherever it lay and whatever it was.

In closing Mr. Martin gave examples of patriotism in this war and in past wars, and asked that we should not be lacking when the time came to show ours. Mr. Martin finished by saying, "We are fighting for ourselves, our ideals of democracy." He was given an ovation upon resuming his seat.

The meeting was closed by the singing of "America" by all.

AWARD OF DIPLOMAS MADE AT ACADEMY

The graduation exercises for the Class of 1917 of St. Johnsbury Academy were held Thursday morning before one of the largest audiences ever present in the South church. The class graduating from the Academy numbered fifty while twelve received their short-hand certificates from the business department, making a total of sixty-two. The 1100 scholarships awarded by the University of Vermont to the boy and girl with the highest standing in a college preparatory course were presented by Dr. Benedict to Ruth Barr Bigelow and Norman A. Lowe. In the class were three young men, now in active service with the navy who were enabled to take part in the exercises only by obtaining a furlough, and the ovations they received as they were handed their diplomas was one of the kind which would encourage any man to enlist. The essay by Miss Ruth Bigelow on "Our Flag," was not only an honor to herself, her class and her school, in its composition, but also in its delivery.

Norman L. Lowe read a very interesting article, "The Awakening of Vermont" which explained some interesting conditions and possibilities. The debate by Bernard Campion and Stanley Parker on the question, Resolved: "That in secondary schools a vocational training is more beneficial to the average individual than a clas-

sical education" left the whole audience undecided as to which of the two young men had brought forth the more convincing proofs but it introduced this important question in a new light to the majority.

Misses Mabel Gray and Viola May did not disappoint their many friends in their essays.

The program was as follows: Marche Religieuse, Prayer, Rev. William Shaw, Ph. D.; Kontra Tanz, Kramboinoff Trio; Our Flag, Ruth Barr Bigelow; The Awakening of Vermont, Norman Abram E. Lowe; Piano Solo, Tarantelle, Eunice Isabel McGilivray; Tendencies of Modern poetry, Viola Stacy May; Solo, The Earth is Decked in Beauty, Lila Faylene Gillilan, Violin Obligato by Marjorie Ward Cranston; Debate, Resolved: That in secondary schools a vocational training is more beneficial to the average individual than a classical education, affirmative, Stanley William Parker, negative, Bernard William Campion; Baritone Solo, Gloria Te, Claude Edward Hinman; American Women in France, Mable Eliza Gray; Serenade, Kramboinoff Trio; Presentation of Certificates; Presentation of Diplomas, Benediction.

Alpa Norton Ames, Russell Bailey, Natalie Gordon Baldwin, Louis Clark Bell, Ruth Barr Bigelow, Charles Agnes Blaisdell, Norman Ross Braley, Charles Franklin Branch, Helen Briggs, both Burbank, Bernard William Campion, Amos Bugbee Carpenter, Gladys Iola Carpenter, Marguerite Frances Clark, Vera Edwina Cole, Alice Aileen Craig, Ivis Elizabeth Dennis, Mary Helen Dinsmore, Paul Noyes Farnham, Lila Faylene Gillilan, Mabel Eliza Gray, Frederick Stanton Harris, Brian Hastings, Claude Edward Hinman, Dorothy Pauline Johnson, Fred Alton Lougee, Norman Abram E. Lowe, Lillian Rose Marowitz, Viola Stacy May, Thora McClary, Eunice Isabel McGilivray, Ruth McLachlin, Donald Merton McVain, William Ellingood Mills, Milton Edward Montgomery, Florence Elizabeth Moore, Hewitt Fales Moore, Persis Dana Moore, Dorothy Agnes Nelson, Clarence Archibald Noyes, Glen George Parker, Stanley William Parker, Marion Frances Puffer, Ethel Elizabeth Ramage, Marjorie Jane Spaulding, Anna Lane Stanton, Helen Lincoln Steele, Hildred Grace Symes, Eva Mary Torrant, Beatrice Flora Wright, Lyle Sumner Woodworth.

FOUR NAVY BOYS HOME

Academy Students Here To Attend Commencement Exercises

Carlisle Sargent, Howard Fisk and Clarence Noyes, members of the United States Naval Reserve, and Amos Carpenter, regular seaman in division 8, section 3, United States Navy receiving ship at Commonwealth Pier, Boston, returned home early Wednesday morning to attend the Commencement Week exercises. The boys report excellent conditions, combined with plenty of amusement, good food, and hard work at their different stations.

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